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REPLY TO

ATZQ-CD

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MEMORANDUM FOR Active and Reserve Component Aviation Brigade Commanders

SUBJECT: Approval of Non All-Leather Boots for Army Aviation Use - Amendment

- 1. Reference memorandum, HQ USAAVNCC and Fort Rucker, ATZQ-CDM-A, 22 Feb 05, subject: Approval of Non-Leather Flight Boots for Aviation Uniforms.
- 2. The purpose of this memorandum is to amend the memorandum referenced in paragraph 1 as the Army transitions to the new Army Combat Uniform (ACU). The wear policy for the ACU addresses ACU items which may be worn with the Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) and Desert Battle Dress Uniform (DBDU). The Aviation Battle Dress Uniform (ABDU) and one piece flight uniform are not addressed in that policy letter. This amendment bridges that gap to ensure Soldiers in the field do not incur additional cost to purchase footwear that would only be used with aviation uniforms.
- 3. Memorandum referenced in paragraph 1 is amended to:
- a. Permit the wear of the non all-leather tan-colored Army Combat Boot (Temperate Weather) and the Belleville Model 340 Hot Weather Flight Boot during flight operations with all aviation uniforms.
- b. The Air Force Tan Flyers Boot as it is no longer being provided through PEO Soldier. These boots may continue to be worn during flight operations with all Aviation uniforms until no longer serviceable.
- c. Authorize the Model 340DES Hot Weather Flight Boot from Belleville Shoe Manufacturing. (GSA Contract Number GS-07F-9990H). The Belleville 340DES passed the required safety criteria for aviation use, provides better protection than the current all-leather boots, and is highly breathable. The upper construction of the 340DES is a combination of flame resistant NOMEX and cotton fabrics as well as leather. This item will provide Aviation warfighters a highly breathable combat boot that can be worn during flight operations in hot weather environments.
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